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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 12, please delete the third full paragraph and, in lieu thereof, please insert the following:

A<sup>1</sup> It is apparent from Figure 1 that every sample expressed  $\beta$ -interferon mRNA and that  $\beta$ -interferon was induced in a dose-depending manner. The agent of present invention induced more  $\beta$ -interferon than the poly (I) poly (C) alone did.

On page 12, please delete the fourth full paragraph and, in lieu thereof, please insert the following:

A<sup>2</sup> The amount of expressed  $\beta$ -interferon mRNA in mouse tissues other than liver was determined in the same manner as Text Example 1. The result is shown in Figure 2.

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